

**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp provided with a discharge vessel with a ceramic wall which is closed at an end by a projecting plug through which a lead-through construction extends from an end of the projecting plug to an electrode arranged in the discharge vessel, part of said lead-through construction being a cermet, ~~characterized in that the cermet being is~~ directly fastened to the projecting plug by means of a sintered joint, characterized in that the projecting plug extends over a length L, and the sintered joint has a length of at most 0.8 L.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the sintered joint extends into the projecting plug in a direction from the end to a distance away from the end of at most 0.5 mm.

4. (previously amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the cermet has a tapering shape adjacent the end and is provided with a narrowed portion.

5. (previously amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the lamp is a metal halide lamp.

*Revised*  
6. (previously amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the lamp has a power rating of at least 100 w.

7. (new) A high-pressure discharge lamp provided with a discharge vessel with a ceramic wall which is closed at an end by a projecting plug through which a lead-through construction extends from an end of the projecting plug to an electrode arranged in the discharge vessel, part of said lead-through construction being a cermet, the cermet being directly fastened to the projecting plug by means of a sintered joint, characterized in that the cermet has the approximate composition of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (70% by volume) and Mo (30% by volume).

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